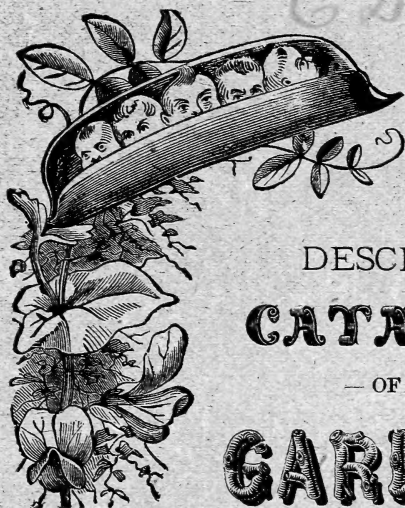


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Illustrated,

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

— OF TESTED —

GARDEN SEEDS.



—GROWN AND FOR SALE BY—

A. T. COOK, SEEDSMAN, HYDE PARK,
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

ANNUAL GREETING.



"May seed-time leave your doubts no room,
The summer find your fields a-bloom.
The harvest, as 'tis gathered in,
Crowd every barn, and every bin."



KIND FRIENDS:—In sending you my SEED CATALOGUE for 1893, I take this opportunity of thanking you for the liberal patronage bestowed on me, and for the many kind letters and testimonials, in regard to the good quality of my seeds. I am happy to say I do not know that I have a single dissatisfied customer; but should there be any such, if they will write to me, I will do my best to render satisfaction. I do not boast of having the largest seed house in the country, or of issuing the most magnificent Catalogue, filled with illustrated beauty, and bewitching rhetoric, (which all understand the customer really has to pay for in high-priced seeds.) But rather, I am glad to say that what I do, I mean to do well, and by personally growing most of the seeds, carefully testing them, and putting them up myself I KNOW WHAT I AM SELLING; and am able to supply good-sized packets at a reasonable price.

My business the past season has been greatly in excess of any previous year; and I find people fully understand the great advantage of buying tested seeds direct from the grower. I now have a very large and carefully selected stock of seeds to offer. To strangers, I would say—

YOU WILL NOT FIND IN MY CATALOGUE

"store seed" venerable with years, and greater travellers than Stanley; seed saved from the odds and ends of various crops; seed saved from unsalable melons, and onions; headless cabbages, sprangling carrots; refuse corn, beets, and vegetables of all sorts. But if you want Northern seed, honestly raised, home grown, carefully tested: seed warranted to give satisfaction [or order refused gratis], then I should be pleased to count you among my customers for 1893.



—O:—
"Sowing in the sunshine,
Sowing in the shadows;
Fearing neither clouds, nor
Winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest,
And the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves."



PLEASE REMEMBER

My seeds are raised for My Customers.

Terms, strictly CASH with the order.

I send no seeds on credit, or commission.

Postage-stamps taken same as cash.

[Canada Stamps or Bills taken.]

HYDE PARK, N. Y. is my Money-Order Office,

I put in extra packets with every order.

Everything in this Catalogue carefully packed and sent by mail prepaid, at prices given.

I guarantee entire satisfaction in everything I offer, in so far that, should any prove otherwise, I will refill the order gratis.

HOW TO SEND MONEY ETC.

Although letters sent in the usual way very seldom get lost, it is, perhaps, best,—when \$1.00 or more is enclosed, to send by one of the following methods, (which may be done at my risk,) Registered Letter; Post-Office Order; Bank Draft, or by Express-order. I always put in more than enough extra packets to pay expense of ordering.

I GUARANTEE that all seeds sent out by me, shall reach their destination in good condition, and will replace any that may be lost or injured on the way:—thus I warrant everything but the crop, and make the purchase of seed the safest investment possible.

ORDER EARLY. Please send your orders early as possible, before the rush, while my stock is complete: I will have more time to add extra packets, and you will have the seeds on hand just when you want them. Should you receive more than one of my Catalogues, or Circulars, please hand to some friend, and thus do both them and me a favor.

WHAT I PROPOSE TO DO. 1st. To furnish my customers the very best seeds at a reasonable price. 2d. To furnish large size, well filled packets. 3d. To fill all orders promptly.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION. If any of my customers the past season purchased seeds of me that did not give entire satisfaction, will kindly mention it when ordering this season, I will be pleased to give them anything they wish of equal value.

SPECIAL



TO BOYS AND GIRLS and all others who wish to earn money and learn business. For \$2.50 I will mail you \$3.75 worth of seeds in packets, and also a special present—my Premium Box of Seeds (worth 75 cents.) For \$5.00 I will send \$7.50 worth, and 2 Premium Boxes. For \$10.00 I will mail \$15.00 worth and 4 Prem. Boxes, etc. (If preferred I will send the FARM JOURNAL two years free—in place of Premium Boxes.)

Now I want my seeds introduced in your neighborhood and you can make money helping me, so please take this catalog and go among your friends and neighbors and see how easily you can get up a club; almost everyone will order a few packets at least, and many will give you large orders, and very soon you will secure \$15.00 worth and have \$5.00 cash for your trouble—besides the 4 Prem. Boxes which you can readily sell for \$3.00 more. I hope you can send me many large clubs, but get up a club anyway—no matter how small. Remember I always add many new and valuable seeds gratis—fill all orders promptly,—send everything postpaid, and guarantee entire satisfaction. See page 8. Wishing you much success, I remain,

Very truly yours,

A. T. COOK.



FLOWERS.

"Plant in your garden some flowers to cheer you,
To gladden your view thro' the long summer days:
They will cheer you when sadness comes stealing upon you,
And lighten your cares as in childhood at play."

CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS

is one of my specialties, and my trade in them,—always large,—is rapidly increasing. My customers can rely upon getting those of the very best quality and finest strains. I warrant my FLOWER SEEDS as fully as I do my Vegetable Seeds, and I guarantee all to be fresh, true to name, and of good vitality.



"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

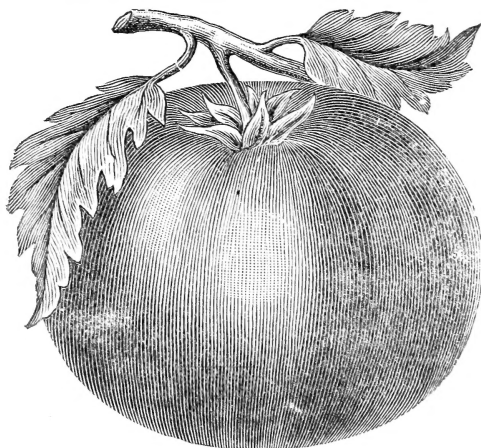
Specialties, Novelties, and Improved Varieties.

The following list of Specialties, new, and improved varieties of Vegetable seeds, etc. have been mostly grown, and fully tested by me, and found to be worthy of all the praise I have given them; and my customers will find them all of great value and merit.



HENDERSON'S NEW BUSH LIMA BEAN..

Think of raising Limas without poles! Grows about 18 inches high, in a compact bush form, and produces enormous crops of delicious Lima Beans; (a single plant has produced 270 pods.) The beans are the size of the Sieva or small Lima, and of delicious quality. It is two weeks earlier than the common Lima. This fact alone would stamp it as a most valuable novelty; but when in addition we realize that it is a true BUSH BEAN, requiring no supports, some idea of its great value can be obtained. Pkt. 15c. 2 for 25 cents.



IGNOTUM TOMATO.

All should plant the new Ignotum Tomato. A "priceless paragon" in the Tomato line; the earliest most solid and valuable Tomato ever introduced. It will wipe out fifty old sorts at a sweep. Why grow a poor sort when you have such a variety as this? My stock seed came from Fountain-head. (Cornell Agricultural College.) The above illustration [which is only 1/2 natural size.] is a fair representation of this magnificent tomato. Pkt. 10c. 3 for 25c.

Shoe Peg SUGAR CORN.

This very excellent new and distinct variety, originated at Bordentown N. J. in which market it is considered the sweetest and choicest sort grown, selling at double the prices of all other varieties. It has the deepest grain and smallest cob of any. The cut is an exact representation from nature—reduced in size.

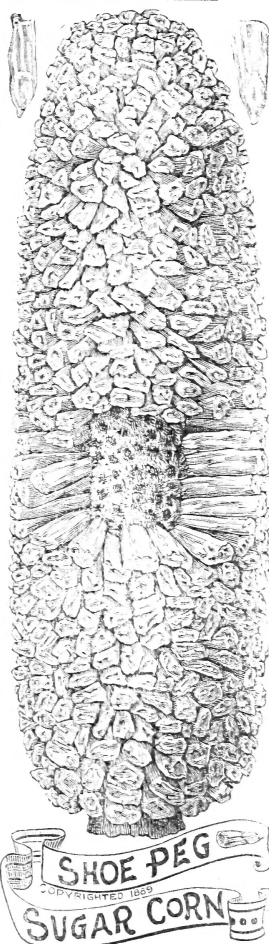
The stalks are of medium height, joints short, and sometimes yield as many as five ears, well filled out. The kernel is small, very long, white and exceedingly tender, sweet and of a rich flavor that is not equalled by any other sort; in maturing it is medium late. It possesses so many desirable qualities that no market or private garden is complete without it.

Packet 15 cents; two for 25 cts. quart 45 cts.—by mail postpaid.

"The SHOE PEG sweet corn is the best we ever ate." Christian Weckesser, Marshallville O.

"Of the 6 kinds of sweet corn grown this year, none gave us the satisfaction that the Shoe Peg did. It was so sweet and delicate-flavored that some of the household would touch no other—not even the Evergreen, while this was to be had."

A. J. Wilson,
Macedon. N. Y. Nov. 1890.

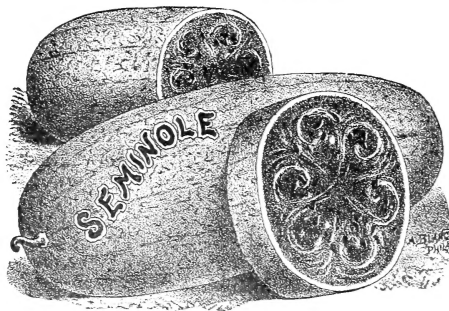


WHITE VELVET OKRA.

Why not try Okra this year? You will like it especially if you try this splendid new variety. It is very early, distinct and of an attractive white velvet appearance, of superior flavor and tenderness. The young pods are extra nice for soups, stews, etc., and also much liked when pickled. The pods are of extra large size, and produced in great abundance. Pkt. 10c.



CLUB AGENTS and all others should remember that \$1.00 pays for seeds IN PACKETS to the amount of \$1.50—and that \$2.50 will pay for \$3.75 worth—with PREMIUM BOX of seeds free,—or a TWO YEARS subscription to The FARM JOURNAL. See page 2.

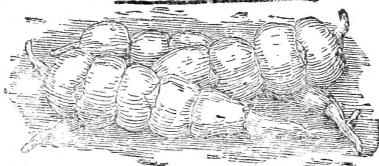


SEMINOLE WATERMELON.

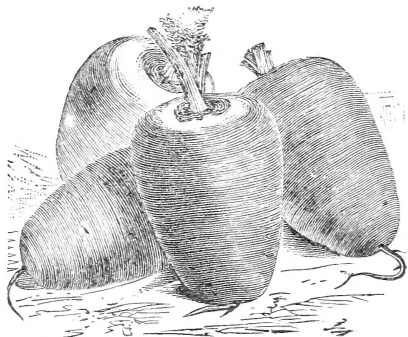
This new melon originated in Florida, the land of melons. It is extra early, extra large, enormously productive, and of most delicious flavor. All lovers of fine melons should give the New Seminole a trial. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



BEANS: New Golden Prize.—Early, and very productive; pods long, brittle, and ENTIRELY STRINGLESS: of a rich golden wax color. Excellent both as a snap bean and a shell bean for winter use. The plants grow very uniform; are exceedingly hardy, and I have never known them to blight, or rust in the least. I consider them decidedly the best dwarf bean I ever raised. Pkt. 10 c. Pint 25 c. qt. 45 cts.

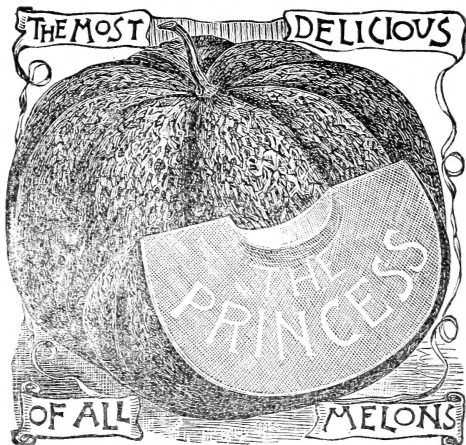


STACHYS AFFINIS:—This is a peculiar and valuable vegetable, or ground-fruit recently introduced from Japan. The tubers are white as snow and produced in wonderful abundance, and are good cooked in various ways, fried, roasted, baked, etc.; if prepared as Egg Plant they resemble it, having a pleasant spicy flavor. They are very sweet, tender and nutritious; perfectly hardy, and like parsnips or artichokes are best if left in the ground until spring. Tubers 25c. per Doz. 3 Doz. for 60c. 6 Doz. for \$1.00



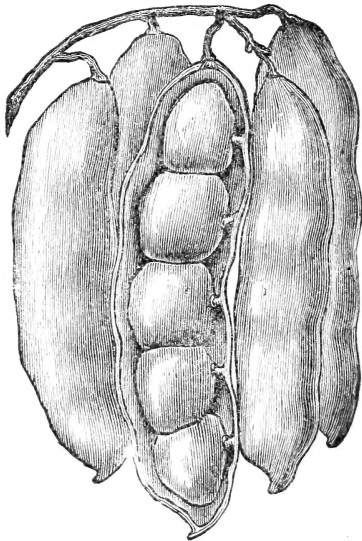
CARROT. New Oxheart. This carrot comes from France, and is a decided advance in shape as shown in the illustration; it is very thick, attaining from three to four inches in diameter. It is of fine quality, and will prove of great value both in family and market gardens. Pkt. 5 c.

Mrs. GILMAN STEARNS, Machias, Maine, writes:—The Collection of seeds gave far better results than I expected; I never sowed seeds before that I thought more came up than I planted. My Celery surpassed any that I ever saw before: it was very crisp, and of exquisite flavor; I never saw anything like it when I lived in the City.



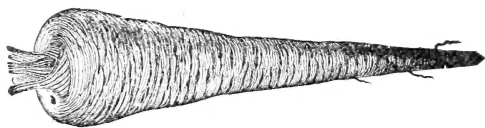
I offer this season, "THE PRINCESS" a new Muskmelon of extraordinary value, which after a thorough trial for the past two seasons, has proven the best and richest in flavor of over forty varieties. My engraving, made from nature, shows their shape, which is nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin; the flesh is of a rich salmon color, thicker than in any other melon, and in flavor is SWEET AND LUSCIOUS BEYOND DESCRIPTION. They ripen early, and grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously and are very productive, often producing six to eight perfect melons on a single vine.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



[CUT ONE-THIRD NATURAL SIZE.]

COOK'S IMPROVED LIMA.—Best Lima Bean grown, either for home use or market, very productive, 10 days to two weeks earlier than Dreer's Improved. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



LARGE SUGAR PARSNIP:—Roots long, white, smooth, tender, sugary, and of excellent flavor.

Parsnips are improved by remaining in the ground exposed to frost during winter. Pkt. 5 c.

MANGEL-WURZEL BEET.

GOLDEN TANKARD. This is decidedly the finest mangel in cultivation; the flesh rich golden yellow, exceedingly nutritious. It is a very heavy cropper.

Pkt 5 cts. 1-4 lb. 20 cts. lb 50 cts.

POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.

This wonderful new variety, [first introduced by me,] originated in North Carolina—a few seeds were kindly sent me for trial by Prof. R. S. POWELL, Principal of the English and Mathematical School of Reidsville. Prof. Powell writes:—"They are an extraordinary snap bean surpassing anything ever seen in our section—bearing profusely, and continuing until frost: they are very tender and palatable—six hills enough for a family."

I have found this bean a most rampant grower, one plant filling a pole with a mass of vines—densely loaded with luscious beans. I do not claim too much when I say they are fully TWICE AS PRODUCTIVE as any other variety in existence. They are a sight worth seeing; almost a solid mass of pods from the bottom to top of the pole. The handsome green pods average 8 or 9 beans to the pod, grow very uniform, about 6 inches long; perfectly stringless, very thick meated, tender, rich and buttery; possess an exquisite flavor when cooked—many calling it without exception the very best bean grown. It is a late variety and continues in bearing so long it might well be called "everbearing." My supply of seed is so limited, and the demand for it so great, that I can only offer it in packets. I make the price so low that all can give it a trial. Pkt. 15 cts. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.

S. E. GWINN, Mt. Ida, W. Va. Sept. 1890 writes: From 6 VINES of the Prolific Beans I sold 3 bushels—a family of 9 eat from them liberally, and there is still a bushel on the vines. I never saw anything to compare with them. All your seeds done well.

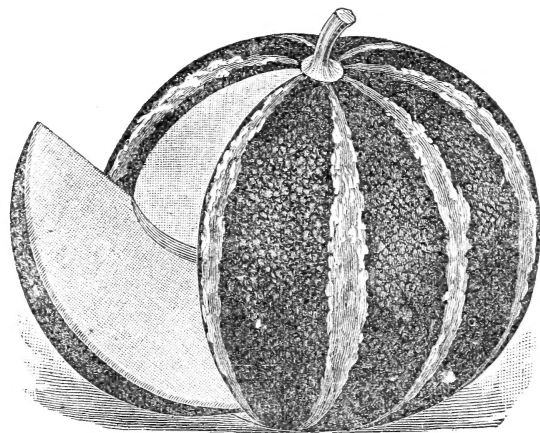
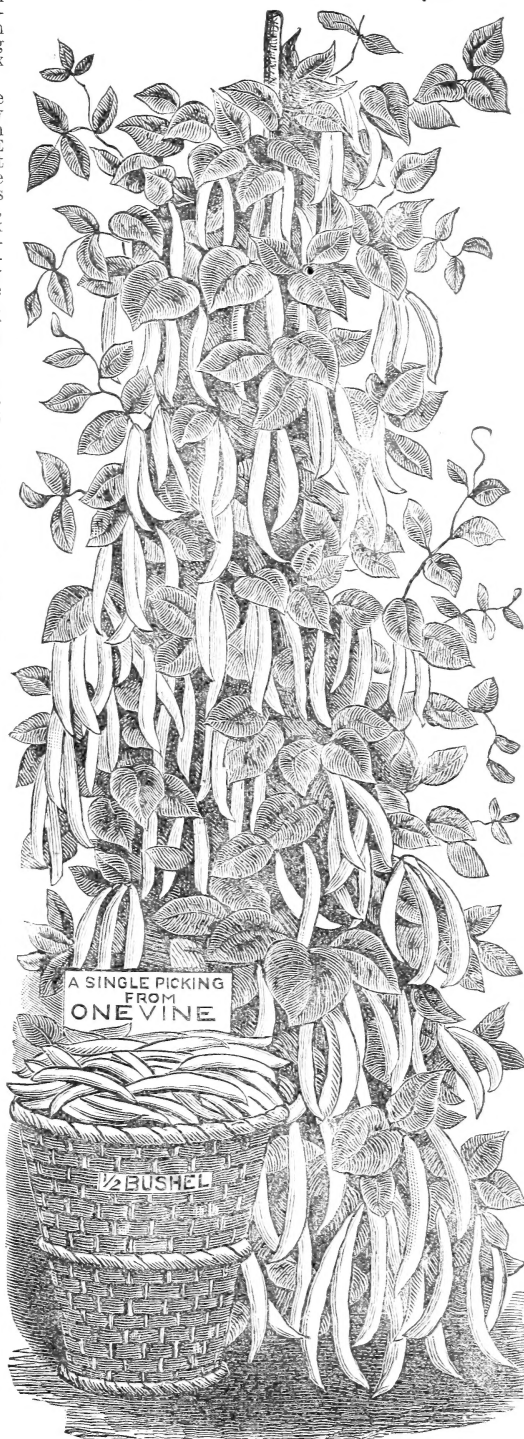
AMY THOMPSON, Pine Grove, Ohio, Oct. 23d. writes:—I raised 1800 Powell's Prolific beans on ONE VINE: which was the greatest yield I ever saw.

Mrs. C. E. LISSFORD, Kinards, S. C. Nov. 5th. writes:—I actually can't tell by count, how many beans grew on one stalk of the POWELL'S PROLIFIC, but from five vines we ate beans all the summer, and then gathered over one-half gallon of seed. They were the admiration of the neighborhood; I have picked a full mess of beans for dinner, without changing position at the vine. Our summer was dry,—but the vines continued green and bearing, while all other kinds of beans dried up, they are the best bean I ever saw grow, and I cannot command words to express the true value of such a garden treasure.

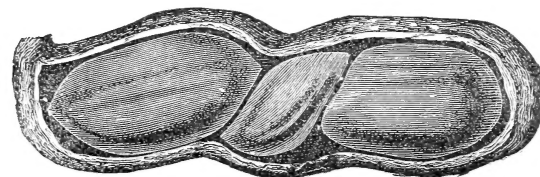
careful cultivator, and will be found to far surpass any other variety. It is early, of large size, and extremely prolific—having yielded on ordinary land 100 bushels per acre.

Directions for planting etc. on each packet.

Large pkt 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. quart 50 cts.



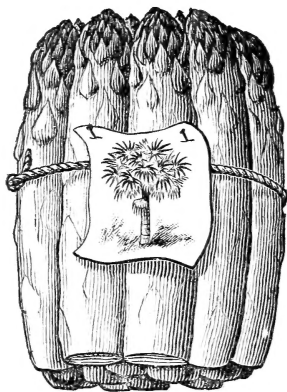
EMERALD GEM. This variety possesses many fine qualities. It is prolific. The flesh is salmon color, very thick, of a rich delicious flavor. It is pronounced one of the sweetest, as well as the earliest small Muskmelons grown. Pkt 5 cts.



CHAMPION PEANUT.

This new variety is the result of years of the most

POWELL'S PROLIFIC POLE BEAN.



NEW PALMETTO ASPARAGUS.

This new variety is the finest ever cultivated in nearly all sections. It is pronounced by all to be far in advance of any other. Growing side by side with Conover's Colossal, under exactly the same treatment, the Palmetto proves to be at least a week earlier, the stalks are heavier, thicker, and of finer flavor. An average bunch containing 15 shoots will weigh about two pounds. It is remarkably tender, rich and buttery when cooked, and very free from any tough or woody fiber. Cultural directions on every pkt. Pkt. 10 c 3 for 25 c.

TRULY A GIANT ASPARAGUS.—A bunch of the Palmetto Asparagus grown by Robert Nichols, a Philadelphia gardener, beats anything of the sort ever heard of. The bunch, composed of about fifty shoots, weighed 31½ pounds. It stood 2 feet high and was 27 inches in girth around the middle of the bunch. One might imagine from the length that it was past its best, but such was not the case, as it was just in condition to use. The grower states that it was a growth of only three days.—**ED. AMERICAN GARDEN.**

ASPARAGUS PLANTS.

Every one should have a bed of this delicious vegetable. A great saving in time is effected by planting roots. I offer extra strong plants of either Palmetto or Conover's Colossal by mail postpaid as follows.

50 strong plants	75 cts.
100 " "	\$1.25
250 " "	\$2.50
1000 by Express (not prepaid)	6.50

Make the beds 5 feet wide with three rows in each; distance between the plants in the rows ten inches. Cover the crowns four inches make the soil very rich and deep. A well made bed will last a lifetime.

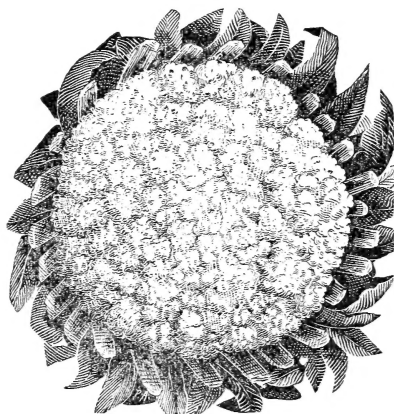
H. A. McQUISTON, Fair Haven, Ohio, May, 30th, 1889, writes:—The last three years I have planted Cook's seeds side by side with those of our most reliable seedsmen such as and Cook's always come out ahead. I have watched it closely and it has surprised me greatly: the difference must be in the vitality of seed.



BONNET, OR DISH-CLOTH GOURD.

This remarkable climber came from Japan the fruit grows from one to two feet in length, and the vine is very ornamental, producing clusters of large yellow blossoms, in pleasing contrast with the silvery shaded, dark green foliage.

A natural dishcloth, and a most admirable one is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit which is sponge-like, porous, very tough, elastic and durable. Many ladies prefer this dishcloth to any prepared by art. As a substitute for sponges in the bath, and for many other toilet purposes, they have no equal. For fancy work they should be gathered before they get fully ripe and dry; the lining then is of a delicate cream color resembling embossed antique lace. Beautiful card baskets, bonnets fans etc. can be made from it. In the North this variety requires to be started in a hot-bed. Packet, 10 cents.



PERFECTION CAULIFLOWER.

This new cauliflower is, I think rightly named. It produces magnificent white heads of fine quality.

I hope my customers will give this a fair trial and report results. Sow the seed ½ inch deep, in a mellow bed; give the young plants plenty of room; when they are 4 or 5 inches high, transplant 3 feet apart each way. A deep, rich well prepared soil, and thorough cultivation is required to get best results.

Pkt. 20 cts. 3 for 50 cts.

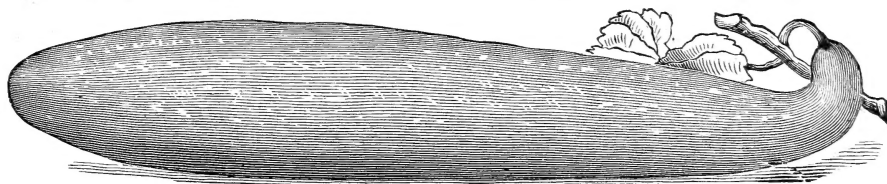
Mrs. D. McLIN, Hillsboro, Oregon, writes:—Your garden seeds are very good, I know by experience, and I can get them from you for just half what I pay here and about twice the amount in a packet.

S. G. CAMPBELL, Tappan Ohio, writes:—Last Spring I got three packets of Egyptian Pop Corn from you; and I raised 3½ bushels, sold 2½ bushels for \$3.75 have ½ bu. to sell yet, and enough left for winter.

NEW SEEDS FREE FOR TRIAL.

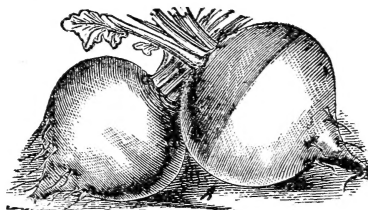
As has been my usual custom for many years, I have again put up thousands of packets of new and improved varieties of Vegetable and Flower Seeds, and will in all cases add a liberal number free for trial among all my customers for 1892.

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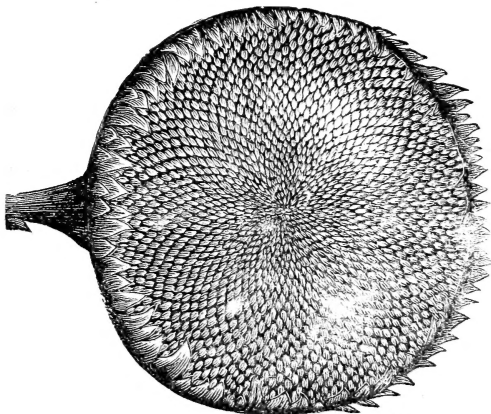
NEW BANANA MUSK-MELON.

This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of forty cents each for his entire crop, as they were eagerly sought after in the Philadelphia markets, on account of their great oddity of shape and appearance. They grow from 20 inches to 2 feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



IMPROVED PURPLE-TOP YELLOW RUTA-BAGA.

This variety cannot be too highly recommended and no sort will produce such handsomely-formed roots, or greater yield. It is extra fine quality, very solid, of a beautiful orange color, with a handsome purple top; It is the result of many years of careful selection. Pkt. 5 cts.



SUNFLOWERS.—GIANT VARIETIES.

This packet contains ALL the LARGEST AND BEST varieties:—Black Giant, Hybrid, Mammoth Russian, Jumbo, and Arctic:—selected seed, grown separate and carefully mixed. ALL REAL PRIZETAKERS. Sunflowers require little care and can be grown in fence-corners, around yards etc.—but well deserve better treatment: they make fine shade for poultry, and bees gather honey from their large blossoms.

There is abundant testimony to show that the sunflower absorbs malaria, and it should be extensively planted in all unhealthy districts. In the West and North-West its strong thick stalks are much used for fuel. Single heads measure from 12 to 22 inches in diameter, and contain an immense quantity of seed. It is the VERY BEST EGG-PRODUCING FOOD known for poultry: they eat it greedily, fatten well upon it, and obtain a bright, lustrous plumage, and strong healthy condition, better than on most any other food. It can be raised cheaper than corn; an acre often producing over 100 bushels of seed. Pkt. 10 cts.

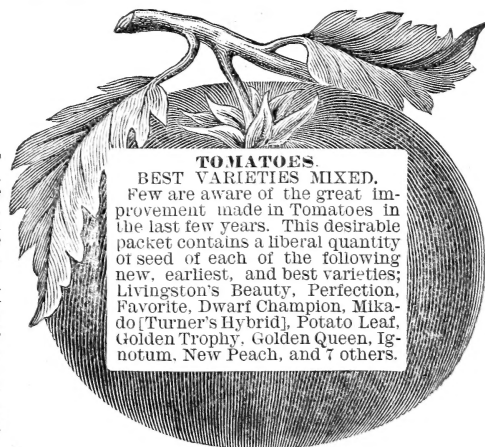
NEW DWARF CHAMPION TOMATO.

Introduced by W. C. Beckett, originator of the Charters radish,—who describes it as follows; "In this new variety we have a tomato that is entirely distinct; it is dwarf and compact in habit, and can be planted as close as three feet. In a comparative test with leading varieties it has proven itself remarkably early: ripening its fruit as early as July 1st. It is an immense cropper, and will yield double the quantity of extra early fruit per acre, than can be obtained from any other tomato. Price 5 cts. per pkt.



EARLY WINNIGSTADT.

A well known and very popular variety, heads large, decidedly conical, remarkably solid and hard, even in summer. This is a sure header, a good shipper, and suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort, valuable for both summer or winter use. Market gardeners and all others desiring a choice strain of this desirable cabbage should try my select seed. Pkt. 5 cts.



TOMATOES.

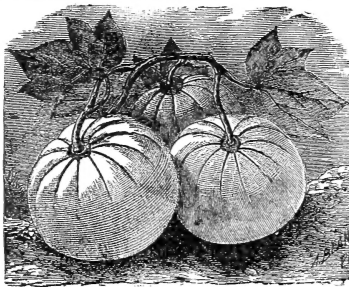
BEST VARIETIES MIXED.

Few are aware of the great improvement made in Tomatoes in the last few years. This desirable packet contains a liberal quantity of seed of each of the following new, earliest, and best varieties: Livingston's Beauty, Perfection, Favorite, Dwarf Champion, Mikado (Turner's Hybrid), Potato Leaf, Golden Trophy, Golden Queen, Ignatum, New Peach, and 7 others.

In separate packets these tomatoes would cost at least \$1.00. Every seed is of my own growing and selected with the greatest care. Pkt. 15c. 2 for 25c.

C. M. GOODSPEED, (Proprietor of American Club List, and dealer in Italian Queens and Bees,) Thorn Hill, N. Y. Oct., 1887, writes:—Your seeds have proved far ahead of anything we have had.

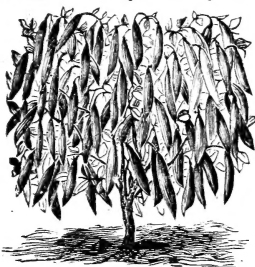
J. T. DUBBERLY, Surrency, Ga. writes:—I have tried your seeds, and am well pleased with them. They ALL grow, and I get more seeds for the money than from other dealers.



PERFECT GEM SQUASH.

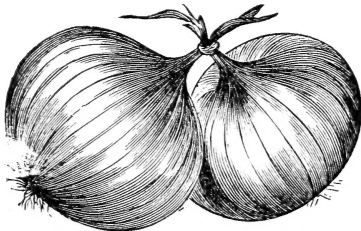
The Gem squashes are from 4 to 6 inches in diameter, of a light straw color, slightly ribbed, and have a thin smooth skin: very productive.—24 squashes having been grown on a single vine. It is an excellent keeper. The flesh is unusually sweet, dry and fine-grained when cooked, and I consider them the best squash in cultivation. Pkt. 5 cts.

NEW PROLIFIC TREE BEAN. A new and valuable variety, and by far the most prolific dwarf



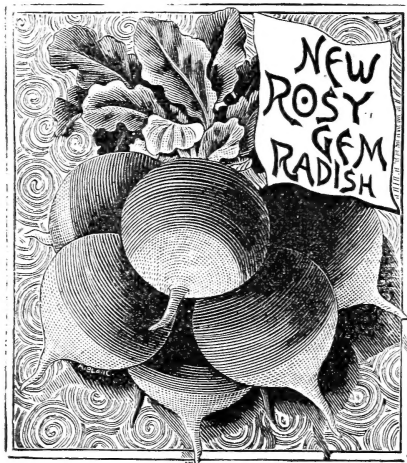
PROLIFIC TREE BEAN.

bean known; growing about twenty inches in height, branching out in all directions, bearing its pods so high that they do not touch the ground, enabling it to stand a wet spell without injury. They have yielded over one hundred bushels to the acre; and a single plant has produced the enormous number of 399 full sized pods. Plant in rows 2½ feet apart and 15 inches apart in the row, one bean in the hill. Do not crowd them. 4 quarts will plant one acre. Time of maturity 90 days. They resemble the common Navy Bean, more rounded at the ends, very white, cooking in less time, of finer flavor. Pkt. 10c.



YELLOW DANVERS ONION.

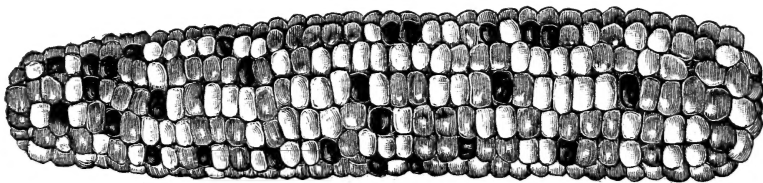
K. MAARTMAN, Park River, Dak. Feb. 7th. 1889. writes:—I can recommend your seed very highly. Last spring I had seeds from Wis. Mich. Mo. and Dak.—but none of them gave such good satisfaction as yours. All of yours done nicely. I was the only one in the town that grew any cabbages. I raised 200 fine heads from one packet of your seed.



ROSY GEM RADISH. This new Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation: their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top: equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everybody. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



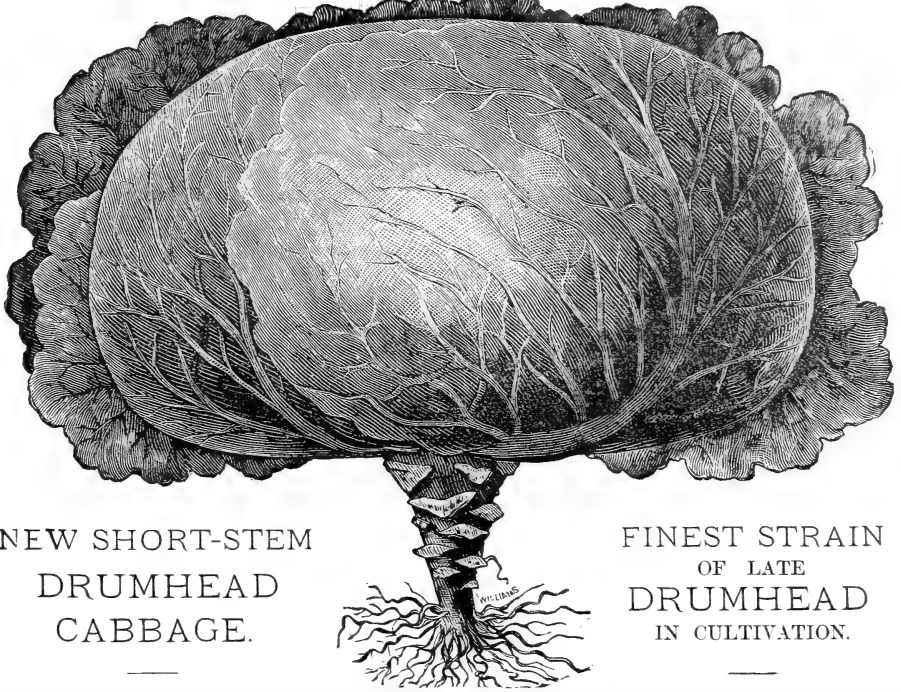
PEPPER. Golden Dawn Mango. The earliest, sweetest, handsomest and most productive pepper grown: entirely free from fiery flavor. For beauty of growth this pepper is worthy of a place in the flower garden: my plants averaged 15 full-grown mangoes each. Pkt. 5 cts.



VARIEGATED POP CORN.

This new variety, first introduced by me is beyond all doubt or question the handsomest Pop Corn ever seen; very early, immensely productive, and a splendid popper. The ears are beautifully variegated, red, white, and blue colors blended. Plant it for your children and chickens; plant it for market: plant it for your fair. I have grown for this season's trade a very large crop, and think I can safely promise to fill all orders.

Per packet, 15 cents. 2 for 25 cts. 5 for 50 cts.



NEW SHORT-STEM
DRUMHEAD
CABBAGE.

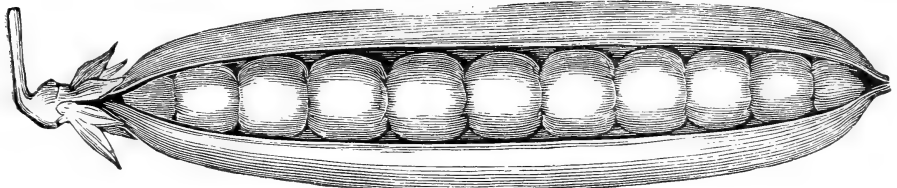
FINEST STRAIN
OF LATE
DRUMHEAD
IN CULTIVATION.

The New Short-Stem Drumhead combines, to a wonderful degree, all desirable requisites. It has a very short stem and grows very compactly. The heads are EXTRA HARD, SOLID, round, flattened on the top; they grow very uniform in size and shape, and present the handsome appearance so well depicted in the above illustration. The heads frequently attain twenty or thirty pounds in weight, and are always of the finest quality. For reliability of heading, this variety is, from long-continued selection, also remarkable. From each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large solid heads may confidently be expected. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 25c.

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EXTRA EARLY BEET.

After a careful trial the past two seasons, I am pleased to offer this new variety as one of almost inestimable value. How many of my Market Gardening friends believe that there is anywhere in existence, a nice, smooth garden beet, of deep red color, which will produce roots of suitable size for market TEN DAYS in advance of the Early Egyptian? Well friends, this variety does that very thing; I was incredulous until I planted the seeds side by side; watching the growth almost daily, and saw a finely formed root develop on every plant of this new variety, fully ten days before other early kinds began to bottom! Price of Extra Early Beet; pkt. 10cts. 3 for 25c. 7 for 50 cts. 15 for \$1.00.



TELEPHONE PEA.

This new variety is immensely productive, of the finest quality and excellent sugary flavor; vines very strong; pods are of large size, and closely packed with large delicious peas. Pkt. 10c. pint. 25c. qt. 45 cts.

GENERAL LIST OF

Vegetable. and Flower Seeds.

I have taken much pains to give a select list of only the best varieties, rather than a bewildering long one. I hope every one who has not planted my seeds, will give me at least a trial order. [And then you will receive my Catalogue next year without writing for it.]

SPECIAL PREMIUMS. AND LIBERAL DISCOUNTS.—As an inducements for the formation of clubs, or to market gardeners and those who order larger quantities than usual for their own use, I make the following **LIBERAL DISCOUNTS ON SEEDS IN PACKETS**,

YOU MAY SELECT seeds in packets to the value of \$1.50 for EACH dollar you send me.
(25 cents worth of Flower Seeds may be selected as a Premium for a 50 cent order.)

☞ The above liberal rates are **ONLY** on seeds **IN PACKETS**; and not on anything else.

MY GREAT PREMIUM OFFERS ON \$2.50 ORDERS.

IN ADDITION to above liberal discounts, I will furnish, if desired, the excellent **FARM JOURNAL** [to any address—or addresses desired] **TWO YEARS FREE**, for every \$2.50 order selected from my Catalogue—two subscriptions to Journal for a \$5.00 order,—three for a \$7.50 order, etc. ☞ If preferred I will send **Premium Box of Seeds** (worth 75c.) in place of Journal.

WHY I CAN AFFORD TO GIVE SO MUCH FOR \$2.50.

I have a large list of Customers which I have secured by giving Extra Good Bargains, and I not only want to keep every one, but mean to have them so overflowing with satisfaction that they will tell their friends and neighbors, and in this way advertise my seeds, I always issue a neat little Catalogue at small expense—offering a select list of best varieties—mostly grown by myself; and in this way can give my Customers **REAL BARGAINS** that cannot be approached by large City Dealers who issue gaudy Catalogues and then must charge their patrons high prices to pay tremendous advertising bills. Is not this so, friends?

ALL SEEDS SENT BY MAIL POSTPAID ON RECEIPT OF PRICE.

(And a liberal number of extras—new Vegetable and Flower Seeds added free to every order.)

ASPARAGUS.		CHICORY. Large Rooted.	5	WATER-MELON.	
Conover's Colossal. pkt. 5 cts.				Cuban Queen,	5
New Palmetto,	10	SWEET CORN.		Mammoth Ironclad,	5
BEANS [Dwarf].		Cook's Extra Early,	10	Stokes' Extra Early,	5
New Golden Prize,	10	Improved Evergreen,	10	Christmas,	10
New Prolific Tree.	10	Mammoth Sugar,	10	Hungarian Honey,	10
Henderson's Bush Lima.	15	Shoe Peg,	15	Seminole,	10
				15 Best varieties mixed,	15
BEANS [Pole].		POP CORN.		COLORADO PRESERVING	
Cook's Improved Lima,	10	Cook's Improved Egyptian	10	Melon, or Citron.	10
California Golden Wax.	10	Variegated.	15		
Powell's Prolific. pkt. only.	15	CUCUMBER.		OKRA White Velvet,	10
BEEF.		Early Green Cluster,	5	ONION.	
New Extra Early,	10	Nichol's Medium Green,	5	Yellow Oregon,	15
Early Eclipse,	5	Long Green,	5	Prizetaker,—New,	10
Long Smooth Red,	5	Everbearing,—New,	10	Large Red Wethersfield,	5
Best varieties mixed.	10	CRESS.		Yellow Danvers,	5
MANGEL, Golden Tankard,	5	Curled, or Pepper-grass.	5	Mammoth Silver King.	10
CABBAGE.				Best varieties mixed.	10
Early Jersey Wakefield,	5	GARDEN DOCK.	10	PARSNIP.	
Early Winnigstadt,	5	EGG-PLANT.		Large Sugar, or Hollow-	
Fotler's Imp'd Brunswick,	5	Improved N. Y. Purple,	10	Crown,	5
Premium Flat Dutch,	5	KOHL RABI.		PEAS.	
New Short-Stem Drumh'd,	10	Early White Vienna.	5	American Wonder,	10
Best varieties mixed.	10	LETTUCE.		Ever-bearing,	10
CARROT.		Early Prize Head,	5	Telephone,	10
New Ox Heart,	5	New Queen,	10	PARSLEY.	
Improved Long Orange,	5	MUSTARD. White French.	5	Extra Fine Curled,	5
CAULIFLOWER.		MUSK-MELON.		PEPPER.	
Early Snowball,	20	Emerald Gem,	5	New Golden Dawn,	5
Perfection,	20	Netted Giant, (new),	10	Ruby King,	5
CELERY.		Princess,	10	Coral Gem Bouquet,	10
Boston Market,	5	New Banana,	10	PUMPKIN.	
New Rose,	5	Green Nutmeg,	5	Early Sugar,	5
White Plume, self-blanch'g,	10	Winter Pineapple,—New,	10	Tennessee Sweet Potato,	5
Best varieties mixed.	10	Best varieties mixed.	10	King of the Mammoths,	10

RADISH.

Early Scarlet Turnip,	5
French Breakfast,	5
New Chartier,	5
White Strasburg,	5
New Rosy Gem,	10
Chinese Rose Winter,	5

RHUBARB. (Pie Plant), 5

SALSIFY, (Vegetable Oyster.) 5

SPINACH. Long Standing, 5

SQUASH.

Early Bush Scollop,	5
Summer Crookneck,	5
Perfect Gem,	5
Hubbard,	5
Winter 'Crookneck,	5
Improved Cushaw,	10
Fordhook, -- New,	10

TOMATO.

Livingston's Beauty,	5
Dwarf Champion,	5
Golden Queen,	5
Ignotum [new.],	10
New Peach,	10
15 Large varieties mixed,	15
15 Small varieties mixed,	10

STRAWBERRY TOMATO.

[Golden Husk, or Ground-Cherry,] 10

PURPLE HUSK TOMATO, 10

TURNIP.

White Egg,	5
Yellow Albedeen,	5

RUTA-BAGAS.

Imp'd. Purple-Top Yellow. 5

VEGETABLE PEACH. 10

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.

ROOTS, ETC.

BROOM CORN, Evergreen, pkt.	10
Brazilian FLOUR CORN, new,	10
JAPANESE BUCKWHEAT.	10
WEST INDIA GHERKIN.	5
CHAMPION PEANUTS, [early]	10
GARDEN LEMON,	10
NASTURTIUM, Dwarf Mixed,	5
ENDIVE, Green Curled,	5
CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds,	10
POTATO SEED, (very choice.)	25
ANIMATED OATS, [a curiosity]	5
GOURD, Sugar Trough,	10
" Dipper, very useful,	10
" Japanese Nest-Egg,	10
" Bonnet, or Dish-cloth,	10
SUNFLOWER, Mam'th Russian,	5
COLLARDS, True Georgia,	10
STACHYS AFFINIS, Doz.—	25
3 CINNAMON VINE ROOTS,	30
100 Asparagus Roots,	\$1.25

HERBS.

Anise,	5	Caraway,	5
Lavender,	5	Horhound,	5
Sweet Basil,	5	Sage,	5

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Flower Seeds.

Aster, Finest double mixed,	10
Balloon Vine, (Love in a Puff),	5
Balsam, Finest double mixed	5
Calendula. Officialis, Meteor.	5
Candytuft, Fragrant,	5
China Pink, Finest double mx'd.	5
Chrysanthemum, fine mixed,	5
Cockscomb, best mixed,	5
Cypress Vine, fine mixed,	5
Hollyhock, Finest double mx'd.	10
Moon Flower, (true,) white,	15
Morning Glory, mixed colors,	5
Pansy, Best mixed, all colors,	10
Petunia, Fine mixed,	10
Phlox, Choicest mixed colors,	10
Poppy, Shirley, (new.)	10
Poppy, double mx'd.	5
Portulaca, mixed,	5
Sweet Peas, All colors mixed,	10
Sensitive Plant,	5
Sweet William, Choicest colors,	5
Verbena, Best varieties mixed,	10
Zinnia, Double, mixed colors,	5
Everlasting Flowers and Grasses, All finest varieties mx'd.	10
Mixed Flower Seeds, over 300 choice varieties in one large package. I am putting up a greater assortment than ever before, which adds much to their attractiveness.	15

Beans, Peas, and Sweet Corn, by the Quart, Seeds by the Ounce &c.

ALL DWARF BEANS; PEAS, AND CORN, PINT 25 cts. QUART 45 cts., POSTPAID.

HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA, pint 35 cents; quart 70 cts; two quarts \$1.35—postpaid.

Asparagus; Beet; Carrot; Cucumber; Parsnip; Radish; [except Rosy Gem.] Spinach; Turnip; Ruta-baga; Musk-Melon, (except Princess, Giant, and Banana); Water-Melon, (except Christmas, Honey, and Seminole); and Squash; Ounce 10 cts. 4 ounces 35 cts.

Cabbage; Celery, Lettuce; Onion; Tomato; Rosy Gem Radish; Christmas, Honey, and Seminole Water-Melon; and Princess Musk-Melon; Ounce 25 cts. 4 ozs. 75 cts.

☞ Prices for larger quantites, given on application.

STRAWBERRY TOMATO.—I am headquarters for the true Strawberry Tomato, (Golden Husk, or Ground Cherry,) seed.

This distinct husk tomato, is unequalled for canning, preserving, and pies. Dried in sugar, as Raisins, or Figs, or to use in fruit cake, they are unexcelled. They are a handsome golden color,—the size of large cherries, enormously productive and will keep (if left in husks) all winter: they have a strawberry flavor, and many esteem them fully equal to that fruit to eat out of hand. This tomato is indispensable where fruit is scarce or likely to fail.

Directions for planting,—preserving, etc. on each packet. Selected seed. Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.

SWEET CORN.—Cook's Extra Early. The VERY BEST, and earliest sweet corn grown: ears 6 to 8 inches long; very productive, and sweet.

☞ Especially valuable for the market-gardener, to completely control the early markets. Pkt. 10 cts.

SUGAR TROUGH GOURD. These Gourds

are very useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest-boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the Winter's lard. They grow to hold from 4 to 10 gallons each, have thick hard shells, very light, but durable, having been kept in use as long as 10 years. Pkt. 10c., 3 for 25 cts.

GOLDEN QUEEN TOMATO.

A real good yellow sort of first class quality. It is solid, very smooth, free from ridges, large in size, ripens up early, and is by far the most beautiful yellow variety ever sent out. None is better for preserving or slicing: the handsome, golden yellow slices make a beautiful contrast in a dish with red tomatoes. It has very little acid.

SUGAR TROUGH GOURD.

Pkt. 5 cts., 6 for 25 cts.,

THE FARM JOURNAL has a circulation of 200,000. It is devoted to The Farm, The Garden, The Household, The Poultry Yard, Fruit Growing, Our Young Folks etc., etc. It is furnished to subscribers at 50 cents per year. It is clean and pure, and deserves a million readers. I have only room for the following—from W. H. Bowers of Camden Maine who writes me June 8, 1890 "I take six papers now and the Farm Journal is worth all the rest" (See opposite page.)



NEW ROSE CELERY.

This is better in many respects than the white, being harder, more solid and crisp, keeping better in winter, and having to a greater degree that delicious nutty flavor so desirable in Celery.

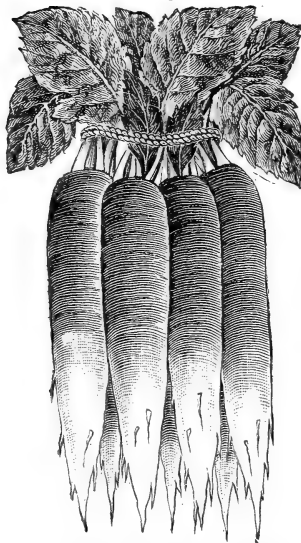
The New Rose is best of all the pink varieties, and is very ornamental for the table with its beautiful rose-colored heart and pink stems.

Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.

PLANTING, CULTIVATING, AND STORING CELERY FOR WINTER.

A concise treatise plainly telling the best methods of managing this important vegetable—sent free (if requested) to all who order two or more packets of Celery seed.

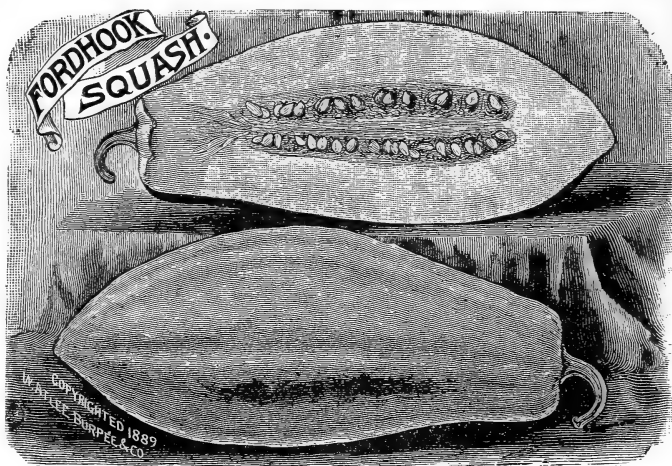
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NEW CHARTIER RADISH.

This valuable introduction, is far superior to any long variety now in cultivation. In quality and flavor unsurpassed early, handsome, unusually crisp, tender and juicy; and remains good a long time without running up to seed.

Pkt. 5 cts.



FORDHOOK SQUASH.

The engraving herewith reproduced from a photograph, shows the shape and solidity of this variety. It is best in quality of all the Winter squashes. It matures far north where scarcely any other varieties ever ripen, and will keep till June. It is immensely productive far outyielding any good squash. The flesh is very dry and sweet and squashes can be used at any stage of their growth. It is almost absolutely bug-proof and should be tried by all my customers who have from any cause failed to grow a perfect squash.

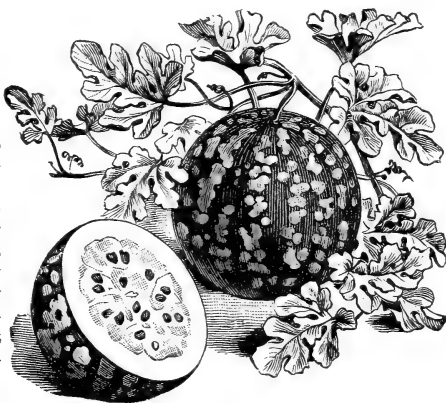
Pkt 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

COLORADO PRE-SERVING MELON.

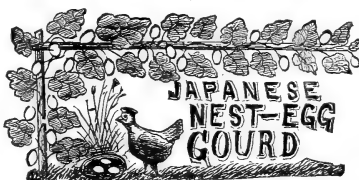
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This is quite distinct from the ordinary preserving citron, the seeds being of a light green color. It is immensely productive; one vine produced 25 fine melons, weighing from 10 to 30 pounds each. The flesh is very firm and solid, with few seeds, and makes beautiful, clear, transparent preserves of surpassing fine flavor.

pkt 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.



JAPANESE NEST-EGG GOURD.

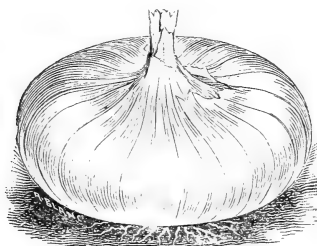


The Nest-Egg Gourd, is a rapid and desirable climber; quickly covering old sheds or any unsightly object with a mass of green foliage, thickly dotted with beautiful white eggs. Boys you can make lots of money growing this gourd, and selling them to your neighbors, for nest-eggs. pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 c.

GARDEN DOCK.—This rare, distinct, and valuable variety, grows to a gigantic size. It is rich and tender, and of the finest flavor. This is by far the earliest of all greens, being ready for the table fully two weeks before asparagus; and considered by many superior to that popular vegetable. A bed once started, will last many years.

pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

COULD YOU not induce one or two of your neighbors to send with you for seeds? By taking advantage of my premiums and discount it will pay you well—and I will be grateful for your kindness.

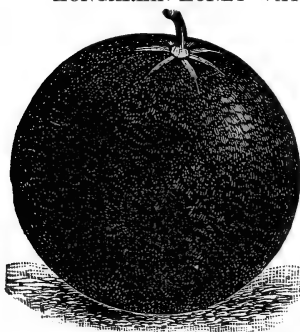
**MAMMOTH SILVER KING ONION.**

This new variety grows to a most remarkable size, —often from 15 to 20 inches in circumference, and weighing from 2 to 4 pounds. The flesh is snow white and of a particularly mild and pleasant flavor. The Silver King matures early, and is uniformly of large size, and perfect form: it cannot be too highly recommended, either for family use; for market; or for exhibition at fairs.

Pkt. 10 c. 3 for 25 cts.



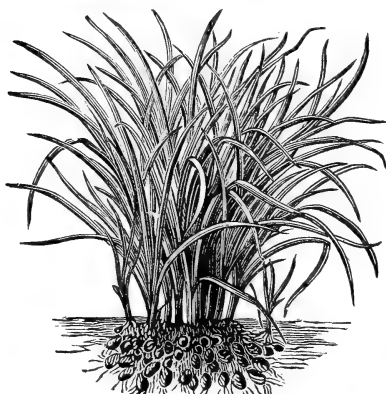
MAMMOTH SUGAR Corn: The largest eared, and one of the sweetest known: ears weighing from 2 to 3 pounds each: it remains in season a long time. Your garden will be incomplete without this splendid late variety. Pkt. 10 c. pint 25 c. quart 45 cts.

HUNGARIAN HONEY WATERMELON.

This new variety is the richest and sweetest I have ever tasted. Flesh bright red, solid very crisp, and sugary; they ripen exceedingly early, are very productive, and grow of uniform size.

This splendid melon should be included in every order as it gives universal satisfaction.

Pkt. 10c. 3 25c.



CHUFAS, or Earth Almonds. These very closely resemble in sweetness and richness of flavor, a coconut. They are much grown in the South to fatten swine, poultry, etc. They succeed perfectly at the North: my plants yielding from three to six hundred fine chufas each. They are a rich and healthy food for poultry of all kinds. Directions for planting etc., on each packet.

Pkt. 10 cts.

**NEW QUEEN LETTUCE.**

The illustration correctly shows the magnificent shape of this fine variety. It grows to a large size, forming close, compact heads; does not become bitter and is slow in running to seed. Of quick growth, remarkably tender and crisp, and of rich flavor, remaining for weeks of finest quality. Deep green in color, changing near the centre to a creamy white. Without question the finest lettuce grown.

Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25c.

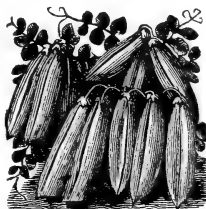
IMPROVED EVERGREEN SUGAR CORN.

This is an early Evergreen coming immediately after the early sorts, and before the mammoth sugar, it is very productive, has large well filled ears, and small cob; very sweet, and sells higher in market than most other corn. Pkt. 10 cts. pint 25 c. quart 45 cts., postpaid.

**EARLY GREEN CLUSTER CUCUMBER.**

One of the best early varieties, growing in clusters of good size, extremely productive, and remains in bearing condition longer than any other early sort.

Pkt. 5 cts. 6 for 25 cts.



PEAS:—Bliss' American Wonder, (true seed). Best in quality, immensely productive. I have counted 28 large pods on one vine. Height 10 to 12 inches. Earliest and sweetest wrinkled pea in cultivation; and has met with the unqualified approval of all who have grown it. Pkt. 10 cts. Pint 25 cts. quart 45 cents.

ALWAYS REMEMBER that I pay the postage on everything offered in this Catalog, and guarantee safe delivery to your Postoffice.

THE GREAT PRIZE PUMPKIN.—KING OF THE MAMMOTHS.

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This is without doubt the largest variety of pumpkins ever introduced in this country indeed no other pumpkin has ever attained such enormous weights and been awarded as many prizes. The heaviest specimen grown in 1885 was 245 lbs., in 1886 218 lbs., in 1887 178½ lbs., in 1888 191 lbs., in 1889 250 lbs., and in 1890 199 lbs.

Is not this the greatest of all pumpkins? These pumpkins have been grown in France to weigh over 300 lbs., and, as many of my customers have as good, rich soil as there is in France or anywhere else on the face of the earth, I see no reason why they cannot be grown here just as large.

The flesh and skin of this monstrous pumpkin is of a bright golden color, very fine grained, of excellent quality; notwithstanding its enormous size, it is one of the very best pie or table pumpkins ever grown, and is a splendid keeper. I hope all enterprising pumpkin growers will give this variety a trial. You will be pleased with it, and be sure of a prize at your County fair. Full directions on every packet, giving best methods of planting etc. to secure the largest specimens.

Seed saved from EXTRA LARGE pumpkins, 10 cts. per packet, 3 for 25 cts., 7 for 50 cents.



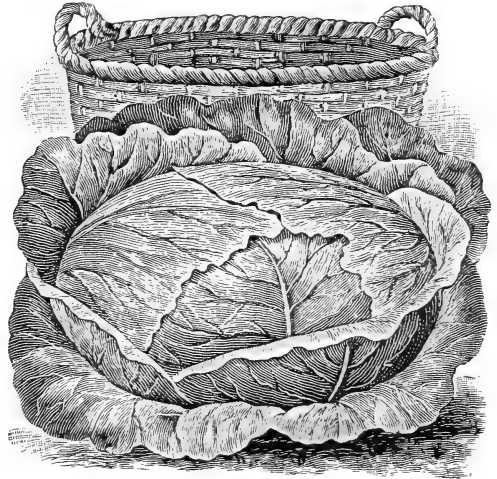
EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.

✂ This is preeminently the best extra early cabbage in the world; heads of medium size, hard and solid; can be planted close, and is very desirable for early market.

✂ My Cabbage seed is the popular "P. S." brand, and will be found very choice,—being raised from the best hard heads, carefully selected.—Every packet is printed with the following trade mark.



Gardeners! plant them this year and you will agree with the verdict that "they are the best in the world" All varieties of cabbage seed (except Short-Stem,) are 5 cts. per pkt. 25c. per oz. 4 ozs. 75 c. postpaid.



FOTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK CABBAGE.

This is the earliest and best of the large hard-heading Drumheads, and combines in a wonderful degree all desirable requisites. The heads are very large, often weighing 20 to 30 pounds each; very hard and firm; it will ripen in 85 days, and is a good keeper; quality very fine. No variety has more rapidly grown in public favor than this. It is a sure header; from each 100 plants set out, at least 98 large heads may be confidently expected. My seed is grown from the original John Fottler's strain and cannot be surpassed.

Pkt. 5 cts. oz. 25 c. ¼ lb. 75 cents.

Cabbage seed per lb. \$2.75 postpaid.

Hybridized Potato Seed.



SEED BALLS.

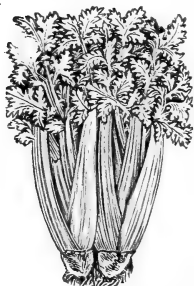
There is the widest range of difference in color, shape and general characteristics between the different seedlings; every one is more or less unlike every other. Great success has already attended the attempt to improve this valuable esculent, and the end is not yet—many varieties will yet be found which will bring a golden harvest to the fortunate growers, and prove of inestimable value to the world.

Price, 25 Cents per Packet. 5 Packets, \$1.00. Full directions for planting, cultivating etc. on each pkt.

Jesse Green, DAYTON, ILL. July 12th. 1889, writes:—Mr. A. T. Cook.—I address you relative to some seedling potatoes raised from your seed. Out of 30 varieties I selected the earliest and best, and planted them at same time, and in same field with Early Ohio, Early Rose, and Beauty of Hebron. They have been from one to two weeks ahead of all these kinds, and are now fully ripe, while the others are still green. They are very productive; and the best eating potato we have. I think I will have 200 bushels.

Wm. M. JOHNSON, of Tampico, Ind. writes:—“The packet of Potato-Seed you sent me done well. Some look like the peach-blow,—some are a beautiful pale pink, large and long for a seedling the first year, they are a beauty. Some large white, purple eyes:—some round, pale red, 30 to 50 in a hill:—some pale blue:—some white, flat, and three inches or more long;—two hills of black potatoes, &c. &c.

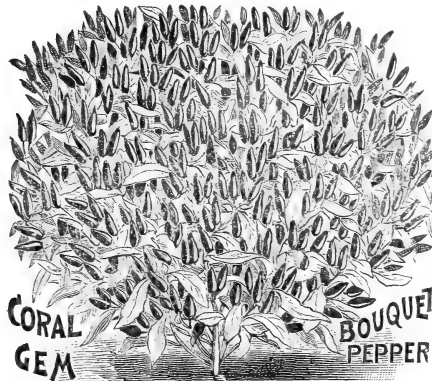
I never saw so many different colors and shapes. If they grow in the same ratio another year, they will be the largest ever raised in this section.”



WHITE PLUME.
CELERY.

This is one of the best of the so called Self Blanching varieties, as it needs but little banking up. Its eating qualities are equal to the best of the older sorts, being crisp, solid, and of a pleasing nutty flavor, while its white feather-like foliage places it ahead of all others as a table ornament.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.



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CORAL GEM BOUQUET PEPPER.

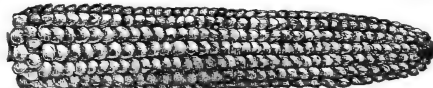
Is the finest of the small sized varieties. As grown in pots, for which it is most suitable, it is the prettiest thing out, and delights every lover of the beautiful. Besides its great beauty, it serves the house-keeper in a most convenient way when pods are wanted for seasoning. In the open ground the plant grows to a height of 24 to 30 inches, so densely set with pods as to bend its branches down. With so many desirable qualities it will become the most popular, as well as profitable in the manufacture of pepper sauce. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.



VEGETABLE PEACH. This unique Novelty, first introduced by me: is one of the most beautiful vegetables grown. They grow on vines same as melons, are a beautiful golden yellow, almost exactly resembling oranges in color, shape, and size. The flesh is snow-white, and makes most excellent, and handsome preserves. Fried as Egg Plant, when green they are delicious, and for “Mangoes,” they are so perfectly adapted I know of nothing better. They will keep in good condition two months after being picked from the vines. Very productive, early, and hardy,—have ripened their fruit in Canada—planted in June. I hope no one will fail to try this novelty. I have never grown anything in my gardens that called forth so much interest and admiration. Directions for growing—use of fruit, etc. on each packet.

Packet, 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. 7 for 50 cts.

PURPLE HUSK-TOMATO.—This new, and beautiful variety produces fruit in great abundance, from one to two inches in diameter, enveloped with a husk. In sections devoid of fruit, many esteem them highly; a great curiosity. Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

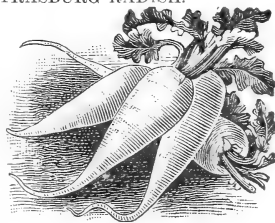


POP CORN.—Cook’s Improved Egyptian. I have been improving this corn, for many years, and now offer a strain of seed that cannot be surpassed. It pops splendid, bursting out very large, white as snow; tender, and delicious. Every one who keeps poultry, should raise a supply for feeding chickens, nothing can be better. Boys and Girls, as well as older ones, can get a nice income growing this corn to sell; it sells readily at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per bushel of ears. I send out only EXTRA SELECTED seed.

Pkt. 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts. quart. 60 cents.

WHITE STRASBURG RADISH.

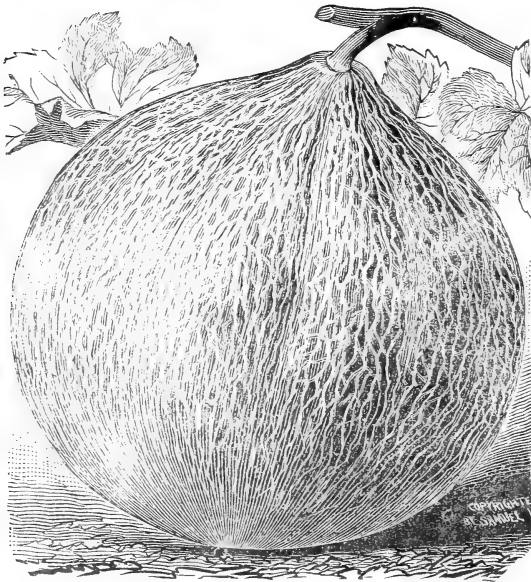
Suitable alike for private and market gardens. It is of a tapering shape, skin and flesh both pure white. It is an excellent summer variety, being tender, crisp, and of fine flavor, and a quick grower. It possesses the most desirable character of retaining its crispness even when the roots are old and large. Pkt. 5 c.



MIXED FLOWER SEEDS.

THIS IS A SUPERB COLLECTION of mixed flower seeds;—over 300 varieties in one large packet. I am putting up a larger variety than ever before, which adds greatly to their value. If carefully sown and cared for will produce an astonishing variety of flowers. No one who has not seen such a bed can form an idea of its dazzling brilliancy or great beauty, the different seasons of bloom, showing something new every day. Pkt. 15 cents; 2 for 25 cts. 10 for \$1.00





WINTER PINEAPPLE MUSKMELON.

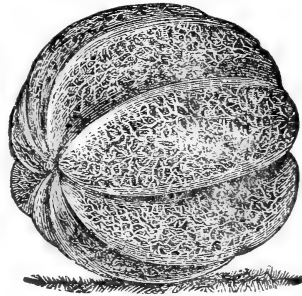
The Winter Pineapple differs from other muskmelons, not only in character of the plant, but also in shape and appearance of the fruit and its wonderful keeping qualities. The vine is a strong and healthy grower, thriving on any good soil and bears abundantly. The melons grow very uniform in size, weighing from 9 to 11 lbs. each. They are very thick meated, in fact might be said to be almost solid, only having a very small cavity for the few seeds they contain.

This is undoubtedly one of the best and most valuable novelties, in the melon line, ever introduced.

These splendid melons do not ripen on the vines like other muskmelons, but have to be picked in a green state, before frost; lain away in a cool, dry place where they will keep sound and sweet for several months. When wanted for use bring them in a warm room, where they will ripen in a few days and be ready to eat. When ripe, the outer skin is a beautiful rich golden yellow, mottled and striped with pale green, giving the melon a very handsome and attractive appearance. The flesh is unusually thick, solid and melting; a light green color and has the most delightful flavor imaginable, being rich, spicy and delicious, with an agreeable pineapple taste.

They will remain in good eating condition a long time after being ripened up, and even when cut retain their spicy fragrance for days. Any one by planting these melons can have the most delicious fruit all winter. This new melon originated on one of the Sandwich Islands. The illustration is made from a photograph—reduced in size—and shows exactly the shape of the melon. The artist, (Mr. Blanc, of Philadelphia,) who has made engravings of, and tasted nearly all the new melons introduced in the past ten years, says: "Winter Pineapple Muskmelon is decidedly the finest flavored muskmelon I have ever tasted." As the supply of seed is quite limited, and as every one will want to try it the coming season, I can only offer it by the packet.

Liberal size packet 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts., 7 for 50 cts.



NETTED GIANT MUSKMELON.

This new muskmelon first introduced by me is a most valuable acquisition. The shape is nearly round, heavily ribbed, densely netted, very thick rich green flesh, of the sweetest and most delicious flavor. They are early, wonderfully productive, and grow to an enormous size. What more need be said? I hope one and all will try this magnificent melon.

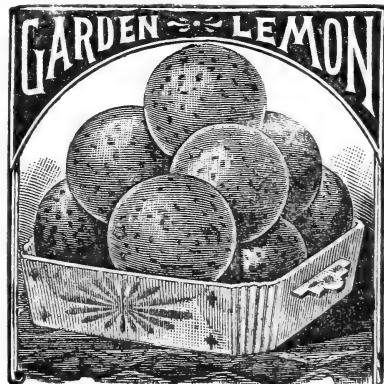
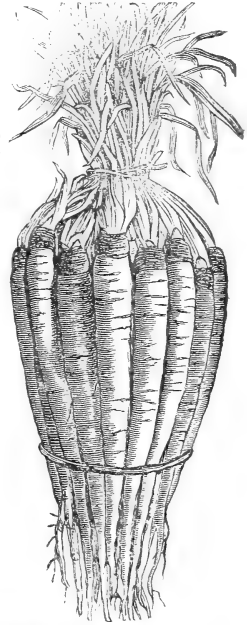
Packet 10 cts. 3 for 25 cts.

SALSIFY, OR OYSTER PLANT.

A vegetable that is sure to be called for where it is once introduced. It is a good substitute for oysters, having a very similar flavor; it is very wholesome and nutritious. The roots are either boiled or mashed, and made into fritters, in which form they are delicious. The roots are perfectly hardy, and may remain in the ground all winter.

No garden should be without this splendid vegetable.

Price per packet, 5 cts.



NEW GARDEN LEMON.

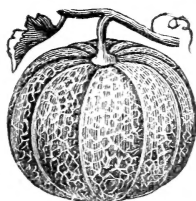
It resembles the Vegetable Peach in manner of growth and shape of fruit, is somewhat smaller, has thinner flesh, and decidedly more acid.

Packet 10 cts., 3 for 25 cts.

My Introduction Box of Vegetable seeds and Gem Collection of flower seeds, is designed expressly for new customers, the seeds being offered at a mere nominal price for trial. My old customers may also have the advantage of these low priced collections I only asking as a favor that they use their influence in introducing my seeds among their friends.

— A. T. COOK'S —

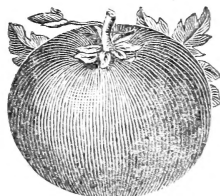
SPECIAL INTRODUCTION BOX

OF CHOICE, TESTED
VEGETABLE SEEDS

—FOR THE—

FAMILY GARDEN.

20 FULL SIZE PACKETS FOR ONLY 60 CTS.



In order to induce thousands of new customers to give my seeds a fair trial, [knowing from experience that they then become regular customers], I make the following liberal offer. I will send free by mail on receipt of 60 cents, [cash or stamps.] my INTRODUCTION BOX OF SEEDS, for the FAMILY VEGETABLE GARDEN, containing 20 of my large regular-size packets of **ALL THE BEST VARIETIES.**

I can make this special offer, only by growing and packing the 20 varieties in immense quantities;—doing all my own printing and manufacturing; and selling only for cash.

I can positively make no changes, the Boxes are already packed awaiting orders.

LIST OF SEEDS CONTAINED IN EACH BOX.

1 BEANS, New Golden Prize.	Earliest and best dwarf wax bean grown; never rusts.	10
2 BEET, Long Smooth Red.	A standard winter variety; very tender and sweet.	5
3 CABBAGE, Six Best Varieties Mixed.	A valuable packet,—all sure hard-heading sorts. ("P. S.")	10
4 SUGAR-CORN, Shoe Peg.	A new and excellent variety, very distinct and valuable.	15
5 CELERY, Best Varieties Mixed.	Golden dwarf. New Self-Blanching, Boston Market, etc.	10
6 WATER-MELON, Johnson's Dixie.	A novelty; without a peer in fine quality and productiveness.	15
7 LETTUCE, Early Prize Head.	Very early, very tender, and of finest flavor.	5
8 OKRA, White Velvet.	New, earliest and best Okra.	10
9 SQUASH, Winter Crookneck.	A standard variety.	5
10 PARSLEY, Extra Fine Curled.	Of exquisite form and color.	5
11 TOMATO, Fifteen Small Varieties Mixed.	Useful for preserving, pickling, making Tomato Figs, etc.	10
12 SALSIFY, Vegetable Oyster.	A delicious vegetable.	5
13 CRESS, or Pepper-grass.	A useful pungent little salad.	5
14 CUCUMBER, Early Russian.	Earliest of all. Hardy, prolific, and much esteemed for pickling and early table use.	5
15 PARSNIP, Guernsey.	Extra fine flavor, and perfect form.	5
16 PUMPKIN, Tennessee Sweet Potato.	Pear shaped; medium size, flesh very thick; superior for pies, etc.	5
17 GARDEN-DOCK, New.	Distinct, fine quality, very early.	10
18 RADISH, Best Varieties Mixed.	All the newest and finest Summer varieties.	10
19 MUSK-MELON, Osage, or Miller Cream.	A new variety. Flesh thick, salmon color, very sweet.	10
20 TOMATO, Golden Queen.	Large size, solid, very smooth, ripens early, handsome golden color, and without except on the best in quality of any tomato I ever raised.	5
20 PACKETS IN ALL, (besides "extras") amounting at regular catalogue rates to		\$1.60

I WILL SEND ALL THE ABOVE SEEDS CAREFULLY BOXED, BY MAIL POSTPAID FOR 60 CENTS. TWO BOXES FOR \$1.00. FOUR BOXES \$2.00. TEN BOXES \$4.00.

This unparalleled offer is made solely to introduce my TESTED SEEDS in every section of the country where gardening is known. I can only afford it by preparing vast quantities of these Boxes in the Fall and early Winter, selecting varieties of seeds of which I have had most bountiful crops, and relying on the future business which this advertising will bring. Please show this to your friends and get them to send with you. By getting up a club of TEN at 60 cents each, you will have \$2.00 for your trouble.

I guarantee entire satisfaction, and that everything I offer shall reach you in good condition. My Illustrated Catalog of Vegetable and Flower seeds accompanies every box. Remit by Registered Letter, Post Office Money-Order, Bank Draft, or Express Order. Postage Stamps taken for parts of \$1.00.

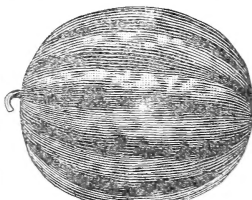
ADDRESS, A. T. COOK, HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

[UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.]



SEWARD BEARD, Economy, Indiana, March 26th, writes:—Friend A. T. COOK. We have used thy seeds for three or four years and will say that we never dealt with any seedsman that sent out such good seed, so neatly packed, and in such liberal quantity.

The Editor of the excellent "FARMER'S MAGAZINE and RURAL GUIDE" PARKESBURG, Pa. April 5th, writes:—Altho we have opportunities of getting our seeds elsewhere; we have tested yours for several seasons and like them too well to give them up.



W. S. BRITE, Pierce City, Mo. writes:—"Introduction Box" of seeds received. I am pleased, as there are more seeds in the box than I could get in Pierce City for \$2.50.

C. BROADBENT, Crookston, Neb. writes:—I received the garden seeds in good shape, and every one in the club is well pleased. I never saw so many "extras" sent before.

T. J. HART, Lyons, N. Y. March 12, 1890, writes:—I am well pleased with your seeds they are the best I ever used.



C. P. SHURMON, Franklin, Tex. writes:—Please send 10 Introduction Boxes of garden seeds. Your seeds have given the greatest satisfaction; I cannot say too much in their favor.

From Prof. L. B. CUSHMAN, Orangeburg, N. Y. The seeds you sent me last year were an UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

Wm. F. SCHMIDT, Blanco, Cal. writes:—Your Introduction Box of Garden Seeds contains FOUR TIMES the quantity I could get here for the same amount of money.

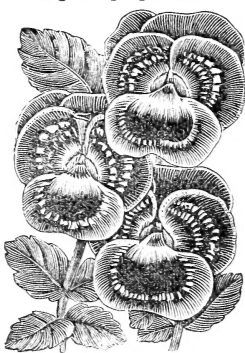
“MAKE HOME BEAUTIFUL.”



A. T. COOK'S
Gem Collection
OF THE MOST BRILLIANT
Flower Seeds.

My FLOWER SEEDS are equally as fine quality as my Vegetable Seeds, and to introduce them also to new customers, I offer the following superb Collection—for only 30 cts. which will give a continuous bloom during the entire season.

- 1 **PANSY.** Best Mixed. Largest and finest of these charming and universal favorites: all colors. 10c.
- 2 **ASTER.** Double Mixed. Finest French, German and China varieties—all the brilliant colors. 10
- 3 **SWEET PEAS.** Lovely and deliciously perfumed climbers: free and continuous bloomers: all colors mixed. 10
- 4 **AGROSTEMMA.** Coronaria. Handsome free-flowering plants of easy culture. 5
- 5 **POPPIES.** Mammoth double fringed, flowers of the most brilliant hues. 5
- 6 **PETUNIA.** Superfine mixed. All colors including striped blotched and veined. 10
- 7 **HELIANTHUS.** Cucumerifolius. Flowers 3 to 4 inches in diameter, orange with blk center. 5
- 8 **SWEET ROCKET.** “Damask or Dame’s Violet.” Mixed. Fragrant purple and white flowers. 5
- 9 **AMARANTHUS.** Caudatus. (Love-lies-Bleeding.) Long drooping chains of red flowers. 5



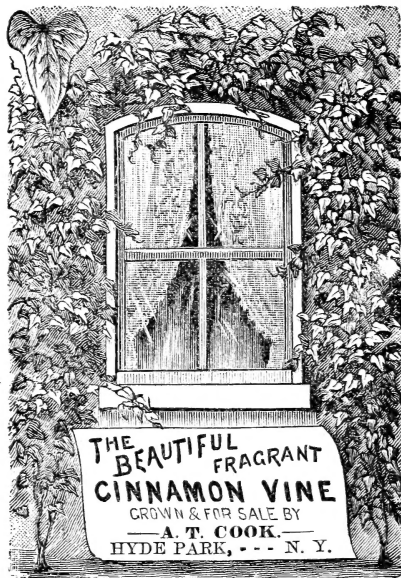
- 10 **SALVIA** Bracteata. Rare plants of great beauty. 10
- 11 **SWT WILLIAM.** Perfection mixed. All colors: bloom of great size. 5
- 12 **HOLYHOCK.** Superb double. All varieties and colors. One of our grandest summer and autumn flowering plants. 10

To induce all to plant “BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS” I will mail the above entire Collection—12 regular size packets for only thirty cents. cash, or stamps; two Collections for 50 cents; four for 1.00, ten for \$2.00.

Will you not help to introduce my Flower Seeds to your neighbors? The seeds are worth 90 cents at catalog prices, and almost every one would be glad of the chance to invest 30 cents in so valuable a trial collection. No changes can be made in these collections—seeds are already packed awaiting orders.

J. W. Haynes, Turnersville, Tenn. Feb. 1890, writes:—“I have used your seeds for seven years and am more than pleased with them. I find them the VERY BEST that I can buy. Please accept thanks for your kindness in always sending me so many extra packets.”

THE CINNAMON VINE.



A beautiful and rapid climber possessing the rare quality of emitting from its flowers the delightful odor of cinnamon, and very appropriately called the “Cinnamon Vine.” The plants are grown from bulbs or roots and are very nice for window ornaments, or out-door culture.

They are perfectly hardy; the stem dying down every autumn, but growing again in the spring so rapidly as to completely cover any trellis or arbor very early in the season. The vines often run 25 feet or more, and when trained over and about a door or window make an ornament much admired: while its many clusters of delicate white flowers sends out an amount of fragrance that is truly wonderful. It is easy to cultivate, has no insect enemies, and is not affected by drouth because its roots so deeply. The tubers are called “Chinese Yams;” [the botanical name being DIOSCOREA BATATAS;] they increase in size from year to year, are often two feet long at two or three years of age, and run straight down in deep soil;—flesh whiter than superfine flour and equally as good for table use as the very best potatoes.

When first introduced the roots sold for \$10.00 each. I have now grown this vine for 7 years; and have sent out many to every section of the country, and the only verdict is,—“One of the most desirable climbers in cultivation.”

J. P. RUNG, Tyrone, Pa., says:—“The vine has grown about eighteen feet, and was very full of bloom, with a delicious odor, scenting the air for a long distance. The foliage is very much admired.”

S. WILSON, Mechanicsville, Pa. Nov. 27th, 1889, writes:—“We think the Cinnamon Vine is one of the most desirable house plants for winter; it blooms as freely in the house as out doors, and they can be trained over and around a window, and will fill a room with a delightful fragrance in the cold and dreary winter months.”

JAS. E. BADGER, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., says:—“The Cinnamon Vine is a success. From one stem a dozen branches have started, ranging from twelve to twenty feet each, and blooming profusely; very fragrant.”

PRICES OF THE CINNAMON VINE.

I have been fortunate in growing an enormous stock of these splendid vines, and will make them a “leader” this year,—selling at less than half the usual prices. I will mail three nice roots or tubers for 30 cents; six for 50 cts; twelve for \$1.00; thirty for \$2.00, [no order filled for less than 3 roots.] I pack carefully in boxes, and guarantee safe arrival.

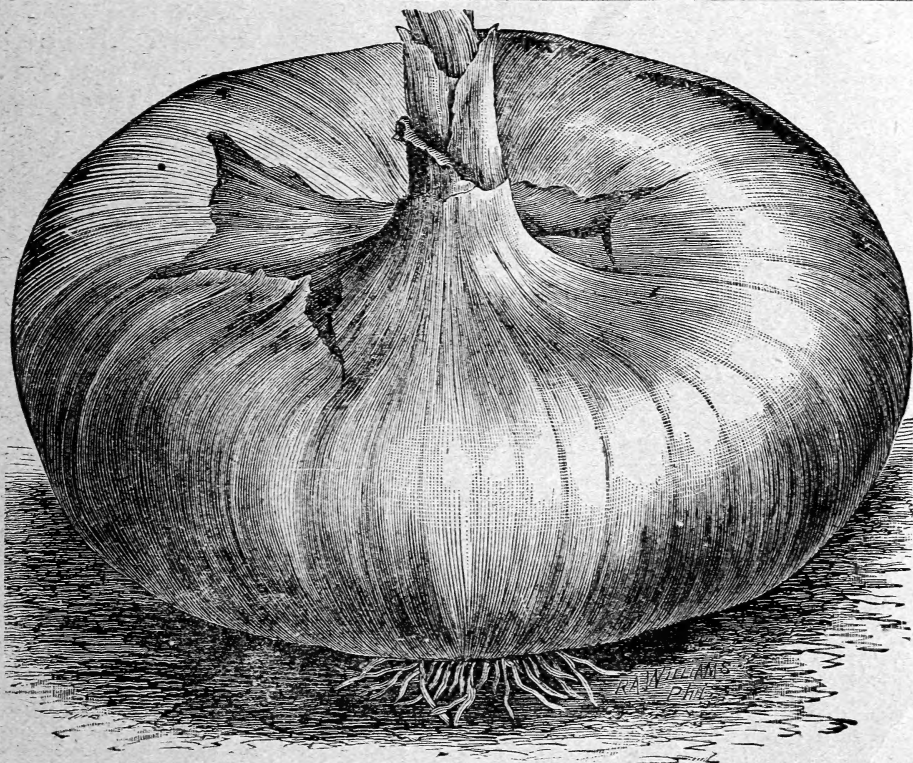
GRAND DOLLAR COLLECTION.

—INTRODUCTION BOX of Vegetable Seeds—GEM COLLECTION of Flower Seeds—and three CINNAMON VINES—all mailed complete for \$1.00.

A PRESENT. I always add extra packets of choice seeds to every order: these collections will contain several. Do not fail to get them and see what a BARGAIN they are. My SEEDS is my BEST advertisement: I wish them to speak their own praises, and I give my customers the benefit, rather than spend vast sums in advertising. My Illustrated Catalogue free with each order.

A. T. COOK. [SEED-GROWER.]





LARGE YELLOW OREGON ONION.

I offer for the first time a limited quantity of seed of my select strain of Yellow Oregon onion. This is a very handsome onion, thin yellow skin, white flesh, fine grained, firm and of extra flavor. It is the result of years of the most careful selection with a view to earliness, perfect shape, solidity and extra keeping qualities. It grows to a very large size, flattened but thick through as shown in the above illustration. It is an enormous yielder, and is in every way all that can be desired as a market or table onion. All growers who give it special care may expect extraordinary results. My grower in Oregon writes:

"I planted a measured half acre (Prairie soil) and gathered from the same 452 bushels of the finest onions, and now have them in my onion house awaiting planting time next spring. (This is at the rate of 904 bushels per acre.) One of my neighbor Gardeners made an exhibit of 17 varieties of onions at our State fair (from both foreign and home-grown seed), took the first premium on the peck which he took from my ground—over all competitors."

Price per large packet containing exactly one-third of an ounce, 15 cents; 3 for 40 cents; 6 for 70 cents; 9 for \$1.00. ~~3~~ No more than 18 packets sold to one person.

I greatly desire all my customers to try this onion and report, and offer the following slight inducements:

\$10.00 Worth of Seeds Given Away. I will give \$5.00 worth of seeds—your own selection from my catalogue, to the person who will grow the largest number of pounds of the above onions from one ounce of seed, (3 packets), purchased of me this season: \$3.00 for second largest yield; and \$2.00 for third largest. All reports to be sent in by November 1st.

PREMIUM FLAT DUTCH CABBAGE.

This Improved Cabbage is most reliable for its certainty to head. It is deservedly the most popular Winter Cabbage.

The heads are very uniform, very hard, firm and fine in texture, and usually weigh from 10 to 20 pounds each. It is very sweet flavored, has but few loose leaves, keeps well, is good for shipping, and is just the variety to suit market gardeners, farmers and all lovers of good Cabbage.

Per packet 5 cts., 6 for 25 cts.



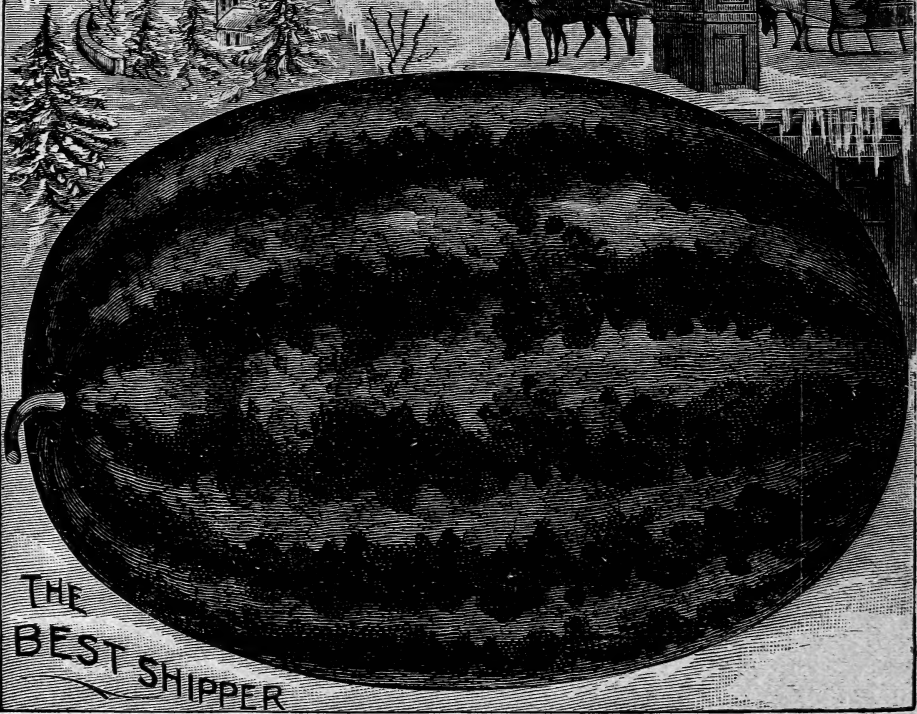
All of my Cabbage seed is very choice, being raised from the best hard heads, carefully selected.

Gardeners! be sure and plant them.



JOHNSON'S CHRISTMAS WATERMELON

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A valuable new and distinct variety which has attained great prominence on account of its wonderful keeping and shipping qualities, it being not uncommon to have them in good condition two to three months after being harvested. Hundreds of customers state that they keep until Christmas in perfect condition. The flesh is of a beautiful rich scarlet, very solid and of delicious sugary flavor. Seeds are few and very small. The vines are very hardy and vigorous, and is enormously productive. Its uniform size and handsome, fresh appearance will make it one of the most salable of watermelons.

Price per large packet, 10 cts. ; 3 for 25 cts.



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NEW EVERBEARING CUCUMBER.

I wish to call special attention to this entirely new and unique variety. It is of small size, very early, enormously productive, and valuable as a green pickler. The peculiar merit of this novelty is that the vines continue to flower and produce fruit until killed by frost, whether the ripe cucumbers are picked off or not—in which respect it differs from all other sorts in cultivation. Cucumbers in every stage of growth will be found on the same vine. Be sure and include a packet in your order. Packet 10c. 3 for 25c.